



## Traveling Aggies

A PROGRAM OF  
The Association of Former Students®



# DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE

April 12-28, 2018

**17 days for \$4,597 total price from Houston**  
(\$4,095 air & land inclusive plus \$502 airline taxes and fees)



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Odysseys Unlimited,  
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Aggies & Friends of Texas A&M University



## Howdy, Ags!

Join the Traveling Aggies on an exclusive 17-day journey throughout Eastern Europe. Our odyssey to this remarkable region spans five countries and weaves together the area's deep history with the monumental events of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

We discover the charm of Budapest, Vienna, Warsaw, Krakow, Bratislava, and Prague, and explore significant cultural, historical, and scenic sites along the way. Highlights include touring Vienna's majestic Schönbrunn Palace, and seeing Josefov, Prague's historic Jewish ghetto. We'll explore the unique Wieliczka Salt Mines near Krakow, and visit the infamous concentration camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau. We enjoy dinner at the restaurant of a local family in Bratislava, and a private classical piano recital in Warsaw. We conclude our journey in Prague, with ample free time for independent exploration.

With space for only 24 guests on this exclusive Traveling Aggies departure, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today to secure your spot!

Gig 'em,

Jennifer Bohac

Jennifer Bohac '87, Ph.D.  
Director of Travel Programs

## TRAVELING AGGIES RESERVATION FORM: DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) on **Discovering Eastern Europe** departing **April 12, 2018**. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: The Association of Former Students, 505 George Bush Drive, College Station, Texas 77840-2918. Or you may call the Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514 or toll-free at 800-633-7514, or fax your reservation form to 979-845-9263. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/We request an air upgrade to \_\_\_\_\_

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

**Post-Tour "Berlin – On Your Own" Extension:** Please sign me/us up

**Please Note:** The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Discovering Eastern Europe, April 12-28, 2018**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment**  Check  American Express  Discover  MasterCard  VISA

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

Tour membership limited to 24 Traveling Aggies and friends

# DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE

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**W**hether you're seeking to recapture your ancestral heritage or simply to discover a beautiful and poignant part of the world, this small group tour offers ample opportunity for enrichment, enlightenment, and enjoyment. Both leisurely and comprehensive, it provides a generous overview of five distinctly different – and fascinating – nations.



## Day 1: Depart U.S. for Warsaw, Poland

**Day 2: Arrive Warsaw** After arriving in the Polish capital late this morning, we have free time before we gather for tonight's welcome dinner at our hotel. *D*

**Day 3: Warsaw** Virtually destroyed during World War II, Warsaw was rebuilt in the decades that followed. With the fall of Communism, the city has become more dynamic and progressive while retaining much of its distinct character. We tour this phoenix city today, visiting the faithfully rebuilt Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site; and the Royal Castle, whose origins date to the late 13<sup>th</sup> century. We also tour the area of the former Jewish Ghetto and the Jewish Cemetery. This afternoon is free for independent exploration; before dinner on our own tonight we enjoy a private classical piano recital. *B*

**Day 4: Warsaw/Auschwitz/Krakow** Today we journey south to the industrial city of Oswiecim – Auschwitz in German – and the concentration camp that is now a museum chronicling the horrors of the Nazis' Final Solution. We tour Auschwitz and also visit the vast camp at Birkenau before traveling on to Krakow, arriving late this afternoon. *B,L,D*

**Day 5: Krakow** A major center of Polish culture and education, Krakow survived World War II intact, leaving it with more historic buildings and monuments than anywhere else in the country. Its authentic Old Town is a UNESCO cultural site, and the Main Market Square the largest medieval square in Europe. This morning's tour includes the historic area; St. Mary's Church; the Royal Chambers of Wawel Castle, seat of royalty for more than 500 years; and Wawel Cathedral, the national church. The remainder of the day is free to explore this charming city independently. *B*

**Day 6: Krakow** This morning we tour the Wieliczka Salt Mines, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This afternoon is at leisure. *B*

**Day 7: Krakow/Slovakia/Budapest** Heading south today we travel through the snow-capped Tatra

## Small Group Tour Highlights

Warsaw sightseeing • Guided visits to Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps • Wieliczka Salt Mines, Krakow • Comprehensive Budapest touring • Scenic Danube Bend • Vienna sightseeing and classical music performance • Old World Bratislava • Tour of elegant Prague, including Old Town Square, Prague Castle, Charles Bridge

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Warsaw		
2-3	Warsaw	Polonia Palace	Sup. First Class
4-6	Krakow	Hotel Pod Roza	Not rated
7-9	Budapest	Hilton Budapest	Deluxe
10-12	Vienna	Hilton Vienna Plaza	Deluxe
13	Bratislava	Hotel Devin	Sup. First Class
14-16	Prague	Grand Bohemia Praha	Sup. First Class
17	Depart Prague for U.S.		

*Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.*

Cover Photo: The city's treasured Charles Bridge in beautiful medieval Prague, where our tour ends.



*We visit Vienna's majestic Schönbrunn Palace on Day 11.*

Mountains into the country of Slovakia, where we stop for lunch. We reach our hotel in Buda's elegant Castle District early this evening. *B,L*

**Day 8: Budapest** Today's half-day tour of the Hungarian capital begins adjacent to our hotel with a visit to Matthias Church, the symbol of Buda's Castle District, and a stroll around Fisherman's Bastion for outstanding views of the Pest side of the city across the river. Then we cross the Chain Bridge into Pest where we tour Dohany Synagogue, Europe's largest. Following an afternoon at leisure, tonight we enjoy a typical Hungarian dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

**Day 9: Budapest** We're free to discover the "Paris of the East" on our own today. With splendid architecture, a lively café culture, museums, and a royal castle, this city on the Danube offers endless opportunities for exploration and enjoyment. *B*

**Day 10: Budapest/Danube Bend/Vienna** Today we pass through the countryside of Western Transdanubia as we travel by coach to Vienna. En route we visit Szentendre, a small town packed with artisans' shops and a museum showcasing the work of acclaimed ceramicist Margit Kovacs. We continue on to the village of Neszmely where we stop for lunch; we reach the Austrian capital late this afternoon. *B,L*

**Day 11: Vienna** A half-day tour of this jewel of the Habsburg Empire includes a visit to the ornate Vienna Opera House, one of Europe's grandest; and an inside visit to majestic Schönbrunn Palace. The afternoon is at leisure. Following dinner at a local restaurant we attend a concert of classical music in this most musical of all cities. *B,D*

**Day 12: Vienna Woods** This morning we enjoy a tour of the Vienna Woods, which gained renown during the heyday of the Austrian Empire. We visit the medieval abbey of Heiligenkreuz and the health spa town of Baden before returning to Vienna where the remainder of the day is free to explore as we wish. *B*

**Day 13: Vienna/Bratislava** Mid-morning we depart for Bratislava, capital of the independent nation of Slovakia. Upon arrival we embark on a coach and walking tour of the historic Castle area, including a visit to the 18<sup>th</sup>-century classical-style Archbishop's Palace. After checking in at our hotel, we have time to refresh before dinner tonight at the restaurant of a local family. *B,D*

## Post-Tour Extension

April 28-May 1, 2018

### BERLIN – ON YOUR OWN

4 days/3 nights  
for \$895 total price

Single Supplement: \$275

*Explore the cosmopolitan German capital –  
a city of art, culture, and history – as you wish.*

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Rail transportation Prague/Berlin
- 3 nights' accommodations at Hotel am Steinplatz (Superior First Class)
- 3 meals: 3 breakfast
- Berlin city orientation tour with local guide
- Transfer from rail station and to airport

“I ASSURE YOU THAT  
WITHOUT TRAVEL WE  
ARE MISERABLE CREATURES.”

– WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

**Day 14: Bratislava/Prague** We leave this morning for Prague, proud capital of the Czech Republic. We reach Prague late afternoon and join our tour director for an informal walk through Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site. *B,L*

**Day 15: Prague** We spend the morning exploring the Hradcany (castle) district, home of the distinctive castle towering above the Vltava River. Dating to the 9<sup>th</sup> century, the castle today is the seat of the president of the Czech Republic. Among the highlights of our tour: a visit to Gothic St. Vitus’ Cathedral and a stroll along Golden Lane, with its picturesque artisans’ cottages. The remainder of the day is free to continue exploring this enchanting city as we wish. Restaurants abound for lunch and dinner on our own today. *B*



*Prague’s ancient Jewish Cemetery*

**Day 16: Prague** This morning’s visit to Josefov, Prague’s historic Jewish ghetto, includes the Old Jewish Cemetery with its centuries-old headstones and generations buried atop one another, as well as several of the once-thriving synagogues now part of the Jewish Museum of Prague.

Then the remainder of the day is at leisure, perhaps to stroll through Old Town Square or visit Wenceslas Square, site of the demonstrations that led to the Velvet Revolution. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

**Day 17: Depart for U.S.** We transfer to the airport early today for our connecting flights to the U.S. *B*

## Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 15 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and unrated hotels
- 25 meals: 15 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



*Budapest’s Gothic Revival Parliament building*

## Tour Departs: April 12, 2018

*Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.*

<b>Boston, New York</b>	<b>\$4,197</b>
<b>Philadelphia, Washington, DC</b>	<b>\$4,397</b>
<b>Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa</b>	<b>\$4,497</b>
<b>Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle</b>	<b>\$4,597</b>
<b>Land Only (transfers not included)</b>	<b>\$3,395</b>

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$502, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,195. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,595 per person; Premium Economy – \$895 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

**For more information and reservations, please call The Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514, or toll-free at**

**800-633-7514.**

**Or call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765**

**Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, Eastern Time**

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

### Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

### Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-95 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If a guest makes any changes to their reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

**Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

**No funds donated to The Association of Former Students or to Texas A&M University have been used in the production or mailing of this travel brochure; all such costs are covered by the tour supplier.**

### Responsibility

The liability of The Association of Former Students, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for those suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Association of Former Students and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

### Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, The Association of Former Students and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

### Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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